



The Greens commend the Women in Adult and Vocational Education (WAVE) for delivering training as an NGO with a focus on women and post compulsory education and training.

The Greens are committed to the full implementation of gender equity policies in education, training and employment. This has been a key focus for the party and we have campaigned on this for many years. Specifically, our policy on Women states that the Greens want:

- Women to have equal access to appropriate, well-resourced education services - from early childhood education through to higher education - which recognise the specific barriers women face in accessing education.
- The principles of gender equity to be taught in schools.
- Specific initiatives in schools, vocational education and universities that increase women's participation and success in traditionally male-dominated careers.
- Equal pay for equal work, and women to be free from systemic discrimination in workplace conditions, employment relationships and opportunities for promotion or advancement.
- Australian workplaces that actively support the promotion of women to more senior and leadership positions.

The Greens believe that education is principally a public good where differences in educational outcomes should not be the result of difference in wealth, income, power, possessions or location. The Greens recognise that all levels of education are critical components to lifelong learning with VET providers playing a pivotal role in providing the opportunity for people to further their education.

The Greens are committed to funding a strong VET sector that puts students first. We are concerned that both the Liberal and Labor parties have made poor policy decisions leading to the government writing off billions of taxpayer dollars due to bad debts associated with the for-profit VET sector. When you have a system that allows one for-profit provider to receive \$111 million of federal funding in a year while handing out just 117 diplomas, everyone should be able to agree the current model is broken.

To help provide the high-level skills and workforce development that is vital to our economic future the Greens will cease providing federal government funds to for-profit VET providers and will establish a VET ombudsman to oversee issues within the VET sector.

The Greens will always put students first and are committed to providing adequate funding for a sustainable VET sector that gives an equal opportunity for women to increase their skills and further their education.

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